

The Hongkong Telegraph.

No. 353.

THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 1883.

SIX DOLLARS
PER QUARTER.

For Sale.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

RACE SADDLES.

JOCKEY WHIPS.

PONY HARNESS.

RACING SCARVES.

HATS, IN NEWEST SHADES.

KID GLOVES.

FRENCH SHOES AND BOOTS.

LATEST HOSIERY AND SHIRTS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.
Hongkong, 15th February, 1883. [296]

Insurances.

THE Undersigned have been appointed AGENTS to the NEW YORK BOARD OF UNDERWRITERS.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & CO.
Hongkong, 15th June, 1881. [457]

RECORD OF AMERICAN AND FOREIGN SHIPPING.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.
Hongkong, 15th June, 1881. [457]

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

(CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....\$1,000,000.)

The above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS, &c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world payable at any of its Agencies.

WOO LIN YUEN
Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE,
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST,
Hongkong, 1st February, 1882. [106]

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED.)

CAPITAL TAELS 600,000, EQUAL \$333,333.33.
RESERVE FUND.....\$70,858.27.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

LEE SING, Esq., LEE YAT LAU, Esq.,
LO YEOK MOON, Esq., CHU CHUK NUNG, Esq.

MANAGER.—HO AMEI.

MARINE RISKS ON GOODS, &c., taken at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the world.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST,
Hongkong, 1st September, 1882. [601]

YANGTSE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

CAPITAL (Fully Paid-up).....Tls. 420,000.00
PERMANENT RESERVE.....Tls. 230,000.00
SPECIAL RESERVE FUND.....Tls. 299,553.95

TOTAL CAPITAL and
ACCUMULATIONS, 8th
May, 1882.....Tls. 949,553.95

DIRECTORS.

H. DE C. FORBES, Esq., Chairman,
J. H. PINCKVOS, Esq., Wm. MEYER, Esq.,
A. J. M. INVERARITY, Esq., G. H. WHELAN, Esq.

HEAD OFFICE.—SHANGHAI.

Messrs. RUSSELL & Co., Secretaries.

LONDON BRANCH.

Messrs. BARING BROTHERS & Co.,
Bankers.

RICHARD BLACKWELL, Esq., Agent,
68 and 69, Cornhill, E.C.

POLICIES granted on MARINE RISKS to all parts of the World.

Subject to a charge of 12 per cent. for interest on Shareholders' Capital, all the PROFITS of the UNDERWRITING BUSINESS are annually distributed among all Contributors of Business (whether Shareholders or not) in proportion to the premium paid by them.

RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 23rd January, 1883. [183]

Intimations.

INTIMATION.

SIGNOR GIUSEPPE PENATI, certificated Professor of Music of the REGGIO CONSERVATORIO DI MILANO, and Resident in Hongkong for over 7 years, gives lessons in Music, Piano, Harmony and Singing.

Signor PENATI is open for engagements as Pianist at Private Dancing Parties.

CHARGES STRICTLY MODERATE.

Address.—No. 8, PEEL STREET.
Hongkong, 7th March, 1883. [185]

INTIMATION.

SIGNOR ANTONIO CATTANEO, of the CONSERVATORIO DI BERGAMO and late of the ROYAL ITALIAN OPERA COMPANY, has the honor to inform the community that he has arranged to remain in Hongkong, and will give lessons in Music, Singing and the Piano.

CHARGES STRICTLY MODERATE.

Address.—KELLY & WALSH,
No. 31, WELLINGTON STREET, HONGKONG.
Hongkong, 1st March, 1883. [146]

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from Captain SPEECHLEY, to Sell by Public Auction, at his Residence, No. 4, "Blue Buildings," Praya East, (Top floor), on SATURDAY,

the 17th March, 1883, at 2 P.M.

THE WHOLE OF HIS HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,

Consisting of—
DINING, DRAWING, AND BEDROOM SUITES.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash.

J. M. GUEDES,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 12th March, 1883. [202]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from H.M. NAVAL STORE KEEPER to Sell by Public Auction, on

TUESDAY,

the 20th March, 1883, at NOON, at H.M. NAVAL YARD.

SUNDY CONDEMNED STORES, &c.,

Comprising—
OLD IRON, LEATHER HOSES, STEEL WIRE HAUSERS, GLASS, FLANNEL, SERGE, DRILL, SHOES, BEDS, BLANKETS, LAMPS, LANTERNS, EMPTY CASES, CARPET, IMPLEMENTS, &c., &c.

TERMS.—Cash.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Government Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 10th March, 1883. [203]

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

WE have authorised Mr. FRIEDRICH HEINRICH HOHNKE to sign our Firm from this date.

F. BLACKHEAD & Co.
Hongkong, 12th March, 1883. [201]

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST AND RESPONSIBILITY of Mr. HENRY LISTON DALRYMPLE and Mr. JOHN GORDON TALBOT HASSELL in our Firm has Ceased and it is Closed in Hongkong from this Date, Mr. DALRYMPLE being Authorised to Sign "In Liquidation in Hongkong."

BIRLEY & Co.
1st March, 1883.

MR. KENNETH DOUGLAS ADAMS and Mr. JAMES LYON PLAYFAIR SANDERSON are this Day admitted PARTNERS in our Firms at Canton and Foochow.

BIRLEY & Co.
1st March, 1883.

MR. HENRY LISTON DALRYMPLE acts as Correspondent of Messrs. BIRLEY & Co. here, and has commenced Business under the style of

BIRLEY, DALRYMPLE & Co.
Hongkong, 1st March, 1883. [169]

Intimations.

NOTICE.

WITH reference to the Advertisement (No. 464) Signed "Mrs. H. E. FALCONER" in the "LAT PAI PRESS" of the 10th instant, we are instructed by Mr. MATTHEW FALCONER, of the FIRM of Messrs. GEO. B. FALCONER & Co., to state that Mrs. H. E. FALCONER has NOT PURCHASED THE INTEREST of the Widow of the late MATTHEW FALCONER in the said FIRM, and that Mrs. H. E. FALCONER has NO INTEREST whatever in the FIRM of GEO. B. FALCONER & Co., Watchmakers and Jewellers.

BRERETON, WOTTON, & DEACON,
35, Queen's Road,
Hongkong.

6th March, 1883. [181]

WANTED:

A SITUATION as CLERK, BOOK-KEEPER, or GENERAL ASSISTANT, by a young man who has had ten years experience in China and Japan. Speaks French, English, German, Italian and Japanese. Moderate Salary required. First-class references.

Apply to
B. C. A.,
care of Hongkong Telegraph Office,
Hongkong, 13th February, 1883. [139]

MR. MOORE begs to recommend his GOGO SHAMPOO WASH

to the public as unrivalled by any preparation ever produced for promoting the growth of the hair. The basis of this compound is made of soap root, the natives of the Philippines never use anything else for washing their hair—they are never found bald, and it is quite common to see the females with hair from 5 to 6 feet long. By constantly using this Shampoo Wash as directed, you will NEVER BE BALD.

The proprietor offers the Wash to the public entirely confident that by its restorative properties it will without fail arrest decaying hair, it completely eradicates scurf, dandruff, and cures all diseases of the scalp. It does not contain any poisonous drugs. By its cooling properties it allays the itching and fever of the scalp, which is the great cause of people losing their hair.

Mr. MOORE has succeeded in being able to put this wash up in bottles without allowing it to ferment, and he will guarantee it to keep any length of time in any climate.

FOR SALE ONLY BY MOORE & Co.,
VARIETY STORE,
Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, 25th January, 1883. [193]

J. AND R. TENNENT'S ALE AND PORTER

DAVID CORSAIR & SONS' MERCHANT NAVY

NAVY BOILED LONG FLAX CANVAS

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.
Hongkong, 15th June, 1881. [458]

J. M. GUEDES

HOUSE AND LAND BROKER AUCTIONEER AND COMMISSION AGENT.

Address.—KELLY & WALSH,
No. 31, WELLINGTON STREET, HONGKONG.
Hongkong, 1st March, 1883. [146]

Intimations.

KELLY & WALSH

HAVE JUST RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING

NEW MUSIC.

Au Printemps Valse.....Waldteufel.
Ruby Waltz.....Bucalossi.
Valse Vénitienne.....Waldteufel.
La Barcarolle Valse.....Waldteufel.
Down Stream Waltzes.....Wells Henry.

Songs.
Sprung a Leak.....Stephen Adams.
Quaker Cousins.....Molloy.
Is my Lover on the Sea?.....Molloy.
Cricket on the Hearth.....Molloy.
The Last Good Bye.....Smith.
Behind the Clouds.....Coward.
Dear Face.....Goedeye.

Popular Duets for Violin and Piano.
Popular Songs for Violin.
HEMYS, HAMILTONS, FARMERS, and OTHER TUTORS FOR THE PIANO.
INSTRUCTION BOOKS FOR VIOLIN, ENGLISH CONCERTINA, FLUTE, CLARINET, &c.
SINGING LESSONS and TUTORS.

THE NEW
BRINSMEAD'S OBLONG GRAND PIANO
(LATELY USED BY THE ITALIAN OPERA COMPANY AT THEIR PERFORMANCES.)
IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR HIRE
FOR BALLS, CONCERTS, PRIVATE PARTIES, &c.
Terms may be had on Application.

MUSICAL WONDER OF THE AGE
THE AUTOPHONE
THE FINEST AND CHEAPEST AUTOMATIC MUSICAL INSTRUMENT EVER OFFERED.
PRICE WITH SIX PIECES OF MUSIC \$5.00.

KELLY & WALSH—HONGKONG.
Hongkong, 3rd March, 1883. [559]

SAYLE & CO.'S SHOWROOMS.

SAYLE & CO.

ARE SHOWING.

WITH A VIEW TO REDUCING OUR STOCK TO MAKE ROOM FOR NEW GOODS
WE ARE OFFERING FOR ONE WEEK ONLY.

FANCY CHECKED DRESS MATERIALS.....@ 15c PER YARD USUAL PRICE 25c
INVISIBLE CHECKED Do.....@ 15c do do do 25c
POMPADOUR DELAINES Do.....@ 20c do do do 25c
ROUGH & READY SERGES Do.....@ 20c do do do 30c
CHECKED MOHAIRS Do.....@ 30c do do do 45c
TERRA COTTA & OTHER STRIPED SATINETTES.....@ 50c do do do 75c
FANCY VELVETEENS.....@ 35c do do do 50c.

ALSO
LADIES SHOES.....@ \$1.25 PER PAIR do \$2.50
LADIES SHOES.....@ \$1.50 do do \$2.50
LADIES SHOES.....@ \$1.75 do do \$2.82.

N.B.—JUST OPENED A CASE OF ATKINSON'S SCENTS.

A LIBERAL DISCOUNT FOR CASH.

SAYLE & CO.
VICTORIA EXCHANGE, HONGKONG.
Hongkong, 6th February, 1883. [659]

"NOVELTY STORE."

MARINE HOUSE, QUEEN'S ROAD.

SELLING OFF CHEAP.

NO SUCH OPPORTUNITY EVER OFFERED BEFORE.

FOR ONE MONTH ONLY from This Date, all the BOOKS in this "STORE" including those which may arrive during the month, will be disposed of at Published Prices, Charging Extra only the actual expenses incurred, such as freight, insurance, &c., at current rate of exchange.

To avoid confusion, all the BOOKS selected shall not be delivered but forwarded together with a Memo of cost which if not approved, the BOOKS may be returned.

Also,
"KAISAR-I-HIND" CIGARETTES are now offered at 80 Cents per 100, in Handsome Crystallized Tin Boxes, for the above period only.

TERMS, CASH ONLY.

S. MEYERS,
MANAGER.
Hongkong, 13th March, 1883. [28]

W. BREWER.

HAS JUST RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING

NEW AND IMPORTANT BOOKS.

Seeborn's Siberia in Asia.
Ledger's The Sun and its Planets.
Prof. Seeley's Natural Religion.
Froude's Short Studies, 4th vol.
Wilson's Chapters on Evolution.
Crane's Art and Taste.
Ruffs Guide to the Turf.
Famous Racing Men.
Mongredien's Wealth Creation.
Williams' Science in Short Chapters.
Turner's Studies in Russian Literature.
Hudson's Scamper through America.

JUVENILE BOOKS IN GREAT VARIETY.
PHOTOGRAPH ALBUMS FOR CABINETS ONLY.

W. BREWER,
QUEEN'S ROAD.
Hongkong, 12th March, 1883. [703]

To be Let.

TO LET.

No. 4, OLD BAILEY STREET,
N. 6, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL,
lately occupied by PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

No. 9, SEYMOUR TERRACE,
No. 25A, PRAYA CENTRAL,
No. 10, HOLLYWOOD ROAD.

Apply to
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.
Hongkong, 10th February, 1883. [17]

TO LET.

A TWO STOREY HOUSE (6 Rooms)
in Moque Junction. The above has Gas and Water laid on, and immediate possession can be had.

For Particulars apply to
D. NOWROOZI,
Hongkong Hotel.
Hongkong, 27th November, 1882. [18]

FOR SALE.

G. H. MUMM & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE.

Quarts.....\$22 per Case.
Pints.....\$23 per Case.

Apply to
MELCHERS & Co.
Hongkong, 2nd March, 1882. [8]

THE CITY OF MANILA, CIGAR STORE.

HAS FOR SALE.

CIGARS of all Brands, Imperiales, Caballeros, Vegeteros, Regalias, Londres, Nuevo Habana, of all makes, quality guaranteed. TOBACCO of all Brands, at moderate prices. FANCY GOODS from the Parisian markets. Moon-sham Pipes, Jewellery of Choice Designs. Sun Hats, &c., &c. Commissions Executed.

JOSE Y. BARRA,
No. 31, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL,
Hongkong, 1st May, 1882. [297]

Intimations.

THE UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that under the Provisions of the Articles of Association of the Society, an EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the Society, Peddar's Wharf, Victoria, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 17th day of March, 1883, at 11.45 A.M., when the subjoined Special Resolution which was passed at the EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS of the Society held on SATURDAY, the 3rd day of March, 1883, will be submitted for confirmation as a Special Resolution.

SPECIAL RESOLUTION.

That the Regulations of the Society shall be altered, by the existing Articles of Association of the Society, numbered from 1 to 165 inclusively, being cancelled and expunged from amongst the Regulations of the Society, and that the Articles of Association, numbered from 1 to 165 inclusively, shall be adopted and become, and be the Regulations of the Society from and after the 17th day of March A.D. 1883 in lieu of and to the exclusion of all Deeds of Settlement, Articles of Association, Resolutions, Bye-laws or other Regulations whatsoever, now or heretofore, in any way binding or obligatory upon the said Society or Shareholders thereof.

By Order of the Board,
DOUGLAS JONES,
Acting Secretary.
Hongkong, 3rd March, 1883. [174]

THE CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that the TWELFTH ORDINARY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Head Office, Victoria, Hongkong, on TUESDAY, the 27th March, 1883, at THREE O'CLOCK, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1882.

The TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 20th to 27th instant, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
D. McLAURIN,
Acting Secretary.
Hongkong, 13th March, 1883. [204]

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

CONTRIBUTING SHAREHOLDERS are requested to send in a Statement of Business Contributed during the half year ended December 31st, 1882, on or before March 31st, on which date the accounts will be Closed.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
D. GILLIES,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 7th March, 1883. [188]

Consignees.

UNION LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM HAMBURG, LONDON, PENANG, & SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship "VENICE,"

Captain Drake, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for Counter-signature and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Steamer will be at once landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense, and no Fire Insurance will be effected.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on to Yokohama, unless notice to the contrary be given before 4 P.M. TO-DAY, the 12th instant.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 22nd instant, or they will not be recognised.

RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 12th March, 1883. [196]

Mails.

OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE, VIA

THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND ATLANTIC AND OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.

THE Steamship

"COPTIC"

will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama and Honolulu, on TUESDAY, the 27th instant, at THREE P.M.

Connection being made at Yokohama with Steamers from Shanghai and Japan Ports.

All PARCEL PACKAGES should be marked to address in full, and same will be received at the Company's Office until FIVE P.M. the day previous to sailing.

RETURN PASSAGES.—Passengers who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa) within six months, will be allowed a discount of 20 per cent. from Return Fare; if re-embarking within one year, an allowance of 10 per cent. will be made from Return Fare. Pre-Paid Return Passage Orders, available for one year, will be issued at a Discount of 25 per cent. from Return Fare. These allowances do not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.

Consular Invoices to accompany Overland, Mexican, Central, and South American Cargo, should be sent to the Company's Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 104, Queen's Road Central.

V. E. FOSTER,
Agent.
Hongkong, 12th March, 1883. [2]

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

FOR MANILA VIA AMOY.

THE Spanish Steamer

"EMUY,"

Captain Rementeria, will be despatched for the above Ports, on SATURDAY, the 17th instant, at FOUR P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
REMEDIOS & Co.
Hongkong, 14th March, 1883. [209]

FOR MANILA (DIRECT).

THE Spanish Steamer

"LUZON,"

Captain Villamil, will be despatched for the above Ports, on SATURDAY, the 17th instant, at FIVE P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
REMEDIOS & Co.
Hongkong, 14th March, 1883. [208]

FOR MANILA, VIA AMOY.

THE Spanish Steamer

"DON JUAN,"

Captain Marquez, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 17th instant, at FIVE P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
REMEDIOS & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 14th March, 1883. [206]

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

I may confide to its charge; but reading through those reports of previous years we observe great efforts were made in 1880 to establish in London a China and Japan Association.

I do think some measures might be again taken to form such an association, which would really be called for in the common interests of our trading and shipping community, and of other important subjects, which have been alluded to in the treaty with Korea. The letter of the Chamber on that subject is necessarily confidential one, but we have in addressing the Secretary of State endeavoured to impress upon the Government the non-admission of any retrogression from the principles which virtually opened up free intercourse with China in this treaty with a new country. The trade with Korea may not be large for some time to come, but the question of the terms of that treaty are important, and it seems better that they should have on the negotiations for that treaty, as well as for that with China and Japan. I should say in connection with what we have stated in this draft report, that the statement that the American Government made no reply to the communication of the Chamber should have been "they made a very courteous reply." That will be corrected in the printed report. I need say little in regard to our action in reference to the Nottingham speech of our late Governor. I am sure the Chamber will confirm what we have done, considering that the public mind has been educated, and that while the relations between the United States and Empire of China are known to be under consideration it was important to correct any statements given to the public which might tend to prejudice our interests in the course of those negotiations. The only other subject matter to which I need allude is that which concerns the taxation of trade, and I think that here also the Chamber will confirm what the committee has done in drawing the attention of the Government to the revenue the colony derives from this source. I need not go into details as to why the colony should not tax vessels at all for that the colony should not see no more reason why the colony should tax ships coming here for lights than that a confectioner should tax people who come into her shop for gas, when she knows that the more light she throws upon the delicacies she has to offer the more likely is her business to prove profitable. I think, considering the large interests dependent on this harbour being made a depot for shipping, it is expedient to do all we can to invite ships to come here and not tax them to keep them away. Mr. Jackson, however, further to say that he hopes any member present will call for information as he desires with regard to the business of the past year and offer any suggestions that may occur to him as to the business the committee to be elected will have to transact during the ensuing year. With regard to the election I would ask the members to bear in mind that the Chamber was not last year represented on the committee by any member of an American firm, and to remedy that omission by their votes. I will now move formally the adoption of the report and the passing of the accounts.

Mr. T. JACKSON.—I beg to second the motion.

Mr. GRANVILLE SHARP.—Before the report is passed by the meeting I desire to say a word in reference to one paragraph. With allusion to the first words of the chairman, as to the obligation the community is under to the Chamber of Commerce, I am sure we must all endorse them. With regard to the action of the committee, any persons so full of engagements as they are, one and all, are entitled to our warmest thanks for the devotion of such valuable time as they give, and some members of that committee especially have members of that committee during the last past year a very great deal. In view of the fact that the committee will have to make ample time spare time have, I think, given the Committee's report, there is one passage in the report, which refers to Taxation of trade to which the chairman has alluded. To take exception to any portion of a report when it has been drawn up with so much care and when so much labour has been spent upon it, may seem graceless, but I trust in doing so, I shall not be charged with want of appreciation of the Committee's merits. I think, on this point, I allude to the Chairman, and I think, by their own anxiety to protect the interests of the Colony. Especial reference has been made on this occasion and on the occasion of the last meeting, and also in the Legislative Council, to the oppressive character of the light dues in Hongkong. The same objection, a much more strenuous objection, in fact an almost universal opposition, was made in the colony many years since to the introduction of the Stamp Act, which is also mentioned in the report as a tax upon trade. Is there any tax levied upon the colony which is not a tax upon trade? Is there any all else as traders? Are there any interests in the colony except those of the Government, that are not identical with those of the Government, that are not taxes on trade? And therefore are not all taxes, taxes on trade? It is unfortunate that we have nothing else to tax but trade. No one stays here any longer than he can possibly help. As soon as he has done his trading he goes away, and very seldom does he leave his funds invested in property here. Therefore venture to say that the taxes of Hongkong are essentially taxes on trade. The tax of wharfage is carried on principally in steamers, of which there are some 400,000 tons annually arriving here. The tonnage of sailing vessels is not comparatively very insignificant. The tax which a steamer calling here pays—I speak under correction as I am not quite *au fait* in such matters—but I reckon that the tax which a steamer like the *Coptic* pays for light dues, which is the only tax she pays, is one fortieth of one per cent. of her value. The tax which the *Pusan* pays on her 150 trips a year, \$1,000, is perhaps a tax of about one-fifth of one per cent. on the value of the steamer, or one-fifth of one per cent. on the capital of the company. The tax which the *Pusan* pays for light dues amounts to the tax of these steamers, which make the fewest trips—so something like one fortieth of one per cent., and in the highest and most unreasonable case—for surely something might be done to reduce the tax on the *Pusan*,—to one-fifth of one per cent. upon the capital of the company. These steamers which arrive some 20 or 25 times a year would pay, about the same amount, or one-fifth of one per cent. upon their value. Now the only other taxes we have assessed taxes and the Crown rent. What do our assessed taxes and the Crown rent amount to on the property invested in Hongkong? They amount to from two to five per cent. annum. On well situated property they amount to two per cent. and on property to the eastward—in reference to the disabilities of which our chairman has so suitably spoken—taxes in many cases amount to five per cent. annum. Therefore I may say somewhat loosely, that the taxes on shipping or taxes upon property, amount to twenty-five to thirty to eighty times as much as the Crown rent, moreover, if it is not found to pay in Hongkong, can safely be transferred to some more profitable place. The property, on the other hand, is situated in Hongkong and must remain here in good times and bad; in fair weather and in foul. The taxes on shipping, moreover, are levied on those who are absent from or unconnected with the colony; the taxes upon property are almost wholly thrown upon ourselves. If there is a surplus upon the light dues, one centenary is sufficient to meet every suitably anticipated contingency that long thought-of and long desired object—the lighting of Gap Rock—is Sir Richard MacDonnell's time an attempt was made to carry out this project, but a difficulty arose with regard to

of the matter, which of course was thought unsuitable. I believe it is the opinion of shipmasters in general that such a light is required. If the fund is found sufficient after that is accomplished, should we not have an international effort for the lighting of that terrible series of rocks known as the Pratas Shoals. The matter has been referred to by the Board, which have sat to inquire into the circumstances of wrecks which have occurred there, frequently with great and terrible loss of life. Other places are interested besides Hong-kong, and the work would have to be done by an international effort, but if a suitable contribution were given by the colony there is little doubt it might be carried out. The Gap Rock could be lighted at comparatively small expense. Doubtless an arrangement could be made with the Dock Company for the weekly relief and supply of the light by the *Fame*, and I think I shall be supported by the views of the Chamber, upon reflection, saying there are even more important works to be accomplished than the reduction of the tax of one cent per ton upon shipping. I trust you will pardon me for having brought this matter forward. You all know so much more about shipping than I do that merely refer to the matter, and so with the greatest respect for my fellow members of the Chamber. I have no intention whatever of in any way opposing the passing of the report, but I thought it more suitable to make these remarks at this time than later on.

The Chairman—Gentlemen, I am sure we have all interest in the remarks which have fallen from Mr. Sharp. With regard to what he says as to taxes on trade, if in those he includes taxes on real estate, then I venture to say these are not the kind of taxes to which we allude in the report on taxation on shipping. Without wishing to follow him through all the broad questions of political economy he has raised, I must at the outset take exception to the statement that what he calls taxation of property is any taxation at all. So far as I understand it the taxation on property in this colony, to which he alludes, consists of the nature of rent and therefore cannot be called taxation on trade. The next point to be taken into it is clearly obvious that all who live here must pay certain taxes for the purpose of maintaining the Government of the colony, that is no reason why we should tax our customers who come here and upon whose advent depends the maintenance of our prosperity. One point he made which I think is deserving of some attention. With regard to what I said as to my own individual opinion as to the impolicy of taxing vessels at all in this harbour, he says any surplus should be devoted to the construction of more lighthouses. That remark does not affect the principle we maintained. If it can be shown that more lighthouses are needed then let the Colonial Government apply the surplus of light dues to that purpose, but that is a widely different thing from allowing that surplus to go into the general revenue, a practice which, so far as I know, is not adopted in any civilized nation in the world.

Hon. P. Ryrie—Mr. Sharp is evidently not aware that the objection to putting a light on the Gap Rock came from the Chinese Government. The Gap Rock was one of the places which it was intended to light, both as a light for the *Pratas* lighted also, but that the Chinese Government would not give up a piece of rock the size of an egg in order that a lighthouse might be put on it. They wished to put up a lighthouse themselves and our Government were to pay for it. That, however, did not meet with the approval of the Council. Mr. Hart did make such an offer, but it was not entertained. I agree with my friend Mr. Sharp that a light there would be a great boon and if it can be obtained it ought to be elected. I am glad to hear Mr. Ryrie has the *Pratas* lighted also, but that the Chinese Government as ourselves, and it ought to be an international affair. The Gap Rock, however, distinctly concerns this colony. It is the way in to Hong-kong from the south, and I quite agree with what Mr. Sharp said, that we ought to have it if it can be obtained in any way.

The report and accounts were then unanimously adopted.

A ballot was taken for the committee for the ensuing year, the following gentlemen being elected—Hon. F. Bulkeley Johnson, Hon. P. Ryrie, an Messrs H. B. Galsworthy, C. Vincent Smith, T. Jackson, E. Poencker, E. Macintosh, F. D. Sassoon, and A. Gultow.

Mr. T. Jackson proposed and Mr. Granville Sharp seconded, that the Hon. F. B. Johnson be elected chairman and the Hon. P. Ryrie vice-chairman for the ensuing year, which was unanimously agreed to.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by Correspondents in this column.]

THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH."

SIR,—Mr. Johnson yesterday, at the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, delivered an opinion expressed by an influential London newspaper to the effect that the Chamber represents a dominant class. I will go a little further than the London paper and say that the Chamber only represents a certain *clique* of the community.

The subscription fee, as Mr. Johnson observed, is moderate enough, but that, as the honourable gentleman knows quite well, has very little to do with the fact of the Chamber having so few foreigners on its roll. The true reason why outsiders (in this term includes the majority of the merchants of the colony) will not identify themselves with the Chamber of Commerce is simply because they know that if they became members they would have to blindly follow the lead of this *dominant clique* of be "sat upon."

By the "dominant clique" I mean, of course, the well known gentlemen who are in possession of such extraordinary, such overwhelming ability, penetration and tact, that, in addition to their business, they find it so easy quick to direct a bank, to oppose insurance companies, and half a dozen other companies of a different nature. These gentlemen and their faithful followers constitute this *clique*, which takes upon itself to speak in the name of the mercantile community of Hongkong, and woe be unto him who dares to raise his voice against any decision of the all-powerful fraternity. The meetings of shareholders in any of the Hongkong companies are admitted on all hands to be so to a degree; and this is so merely because the *clique* is so situated that it is almost impossible to fight against it. If, by chance, an attempt is made simply to obtain information, a kind of half-bullying, half "injurious" mode of expression is adopted—something like what happened at the last meeting of the Ice Company.

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